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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1651

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 209289
Client Reference No. 200109/

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hattori et al.

Application No. 09/781,703

Filed: February 12, 2001

For: STABLE PQQ-DEPENDENT
GLUCOSE DEHYDROGENASE
COMPOSITION

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: I. Marx

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

B' 3. (Twice Amended) A method for stabilizing a PQQ-dependent glucose dehydrogenase, said method comprising (a) providing a PQQ-dependent glucose dehydrogenase and (b) forming a composition comprising the PQQ-dependent glucose dehydrogenase together with (i) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of aspartic acid, glutamic acid, α -ketoglutaric acid, malic acid, α -ketogluconic acid, α -cyclodextrin and their salts and (ii) an albumin, wherein the PQQ-dependent glucose dehydrogenase content is 100 to 2000 kU per gram of the total components.